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TECHNICAL INFORMATION NOTICE 08-49  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
225 PM EDT THU JUL 24 2008

TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION /FAA/ USERS  
FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
OTHER USERS OF NWS AVIATION FORECASTS

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SUBJECT: TEST TAFS TO ENSURE PROPER DECODING OF 30-HOUR TAF  
FORMAT TEST DATE SCHEDULED: JULY 30 2008

REFER TO SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 08-15 AND TECHNICAL  
IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE /TIN/ 08-37.

NWS WILL PROVIDE A MONTHLY TEST TAF SO USERS CAN CHECK AND  
EVALUATE THEIR ABILITY TO DECODE THE NEW DATE AND TIME FORMAT.  
GENERALLY NWS WILL PRODUCE TEST TAF PRODUCTS WITH THE 30-HOUR  
TAF FORMAT ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGH OCTOBER  
2008 AT 1400 UNIVERSAL COORDINATED TIME /UTC/.

NWS WILL PROVIDE REMINDERS OF THE TEST TAF 3 DAYS BEFORE THE  
SCHEDULED TEST DAY. IF CRITICAL WEATHER OCCURS ON THE TEST  
DAY...THE TEST WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEXT NON-CRITICAL  
WEATHER DAY. THE NEXT MONTHLY TEST WILL OCCUR JULY 30 2008.

A LINK TO THE TAF TESTBED AND TAF FORMAT EXAMPLES IS AVAILABLE  
AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/AVIATION/TAF\\_TESTBED.SHTML](http://www.weather.gov/os/aviation/taf_testbed.shtml)

THE 30 HOUR TEST TAF FOR MAY SHOULD LOOK AS FOLLOWS:

FTXX90 KWBC 301400  
KABC 301400 3014/3118 00000KT 3SM BR SCT060 BKN150  
FM301430 23006KT P6SM SCT040 BKN200  
FM301800 25005KT P6SM VCTS SCT040CB  
TEMPO 3020/3024 2SM TSRA BR BKN040CB  
FM310000 VRB03KT P6SM BKN050 BKN200  
FM310600 VRB03KT 3SM BR SCT250  
FM311300 23006KT P6SM SKC  
FM311600 34008KT P6SM BKN020=

USERS WILL NEED TO CODE THEIR SYSTEMS FOR FTXX90 KWBC TO SEE  
THIS TAF.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS TECHNICAL INFORMATION

NOTICE PLEASE REFER TO SCN 08-15 OR CONTACT:

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NWS SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIF.HTM](http://www.weather.gov/os/notif.htm)

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